

Altar Society Duties for December 2015

Funerals—Circle 7; Albs—Circle 10

Coffee Hour—Circle 6; No Duty—Circle 9

Would you like to donate a Poinsettia in memory of your family or loved one.? Please bring it to the parish office no earlier than Noon December 21st.



Knights of Columbus

Ladies!!

STILL WONDERING WHAT TO GET YOUR HUSBAND or SON FOR CHRISTMAS??

How about a ticket to the **Northwest Catholic Men's Conference, February 26-27th** in Pendleton, Oregon?? Inspiring presentations by Bishop Peter Christensen (Bishop of Boise), Bishop Liam Cary (Bishop of Baker), Fr. Theodore Lange (Oregon State Chaplain, Knights of Columbus), Fr. Kumar Udagandla (St. Mary's Parish in Pendleton), and Mark Shea (author & speaker) will be featured during the Conference that begins Friday, 4:00 p.m. and ends with final blessing Saturday at 5:00 p.m. The theme of this year's conference is **"Be Strong in the Lord."**

Fathers and sons age 15 and up, and single men are welcome. The cost is \$40 and includes 3 meals. Registration forms and additional information is available at www.nwcmg.com or by calling St. Mary's Parish (541) 276-3615.

IS EVERYONE HELPING "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" !!

The Knights encourage everyone to help **"Keep Christ in Christmas."** Yard signs, durable for years to come can be purchased from the Knights for \$8; KCIC Seals for use with your December mailings are available at the back of Church; **ask** for religious postage stamps at the Post Office; if you are still a card sender, check out the cards with a spiritual message available in the Parish Hall following Mass. Do you have a Nativity scene or crèche displayed within your home or possibly in your yard for all to see. Let's everyone promote "Keep Christ in Christmas." Remember, other religious denominations also recognize the true meaning of Christmas. Therefore, we should ask ourselves **"Besides promoting this message at home or my own yard, what can I do to promote this message with my neighbor(s) within this block, or within my community."**

The Knights wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a sincere "thank you" for supporting the various activities and events that they sponsor.

2016 Dues Statements

The 2016 dues statements are being sent out. Please pay early to save on postage sending out reminders. The dues amount is \$30.00. If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact Hal Huntington or Steve Bachman.

Religious Education

In today's Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth. They are both expecting babies. An Angel told Mary her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant also. They were all very happy - Elizabeth, her baby, and Mary because they knew that Mary was carrying Jesus, the Messiah, who everyone was waiting for. Just as Mary brought Jesus into this world so people would know what God was like, God also wants us to help people know what he is like, by what we say and what we do.

Everybody is getting ready for Christmas.

Some people will be happy – some will be sad.

Some people will be patient – some will be impatient.

Some people will be generous – some will be selfish.

What will you be?

How will you show others what God is Like?

How will you help others jump with joy?

A great big **THANK YOU** to the Baker High School leadership class for the huge donation of good to our food bank. They collected 1,100 pounds of food. Thank you! It will help feed many, many families this winter.

St. Francis Altar Society

We welcome Jody Sherman as our new Altar Society president and thank Ann Kniesel for all of her service guiding us for the past several years.

Are you interested in providing meals for Bishop Cary and Father Greiner over the Christmas holiday. We are needing meals for the evening of December 23rd through Christmas day. Please contact Jody at (541) 519 0162 or call the office at (541) 523-4521 if you can help.

